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Live interactive Kallah broadcast begins March 10 at Soloway JCC

Guest lectures include Rabbi Harold Kushner,
Mario Cuomo, Elie Wiesel and Ruth Gruber

By Maxine Miska

In the modern world we often do not question Marshall McLuhan's dictum that the medium is the message. Yet much of Judaism is based on the opposite premise. Just consider: we still take as fundamental, utterances which began as inscriptions on two slabs of stone, became written statements on sheep skin, and spread through the Western world with the introduction of the printing press.

The Ten Commandments transcend the method of their expression, and to highlight this point, these fundamental pronouncements will dance upon the airwaves in a continent-wide discussion by Rabbi Harold Kushner, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and Dr. Alice Shalvi on March 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

The *Ten Commandments* will be the first subject of this year's Kallah: A Gathering, a series of lectures broadcast live from the 92nd Street Y's Kaufmann Concert Hall to participating Jewish community centers (JCCs) across North America, from Vancouver to New Orleans. Audience members viewing the lectures will have the opportunity to participate in the

discussion by submitting questions during the broadcast by fax or e-mail. Helaine Geismar Katz, 92nd Street Y associate executive director and co-director of Kallah, says, "Reaching out to the larger community with meaningful programming has always been central to the mission of the 92nd Street Y. Kallah offers JCCs a fantastic opportunity to reach out to their own communities and [gives them] a sense of belonging to the entire North American JCC community."

Anyone who has been to last year's Kallah will remember the intimacy and excitement of hearing the unscripted conversation of Jewish thinkers, in disciplined but passionate debate, exercising that most basic of Jewish rights: the right of interpretation. Kallah Honorary Chair Carol Greenberg said, "The Kallah generated tremendous excitement last year, which I'm sure will continue for this second Kallah. We are happy to be able to bring this program to our community."

The March 10th broadcast features Dr. Alice Shalvi, Rabbis Joseph Telushkin and Harold Kushner. Dr. Shalvi was the first woman rector of the Seminary of Judaism

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Celebrating the Olympics at Hillel Academy

Ruth Berger recently visited Hillel Academy to show the children some of the many Olympic souvenirs she has collected. Ruth's late husband Gerry was instrumental in the development of the Olympic facilities in Calgary. See page 7.

New form of anti-Semitism threaten Israel and World Jewry

Human right activist Irwin Cotler urges community to speak out

By Stephanie Levitz

Slightly ruffled in dress, but speaking clearly and forcefully, Member of Parliament and McGill professor Irwin Cotler mesmerized his audience at the SJCC last week, while speaking on the aftermath of the World Conference on Racism held last fall in Durban, South Africa.

Cotler, a longtime human rights advocate, spoke with the swaying lilt of a Talmudic scholar as he reflected on the road to the

conference, the instances of anti-Semitism that he and other delegates encountered and the lessons he felt were learned as a result.

Peppering his talk with Hebrew phrases, Cotler called the conference a "metaphor for the Jewish condition." He suggested that just as the events of September 11 were wake-up call for the world community, Durban was a wake-up call both for the Jewish community and the global one.

"Durban tells us something," he said. "Not only about the state of Jews and the state of Israel among the nations, it also tells us something about the state of the world community, the state of international relations in which Israel and world Jewry find themselves."

That state, said Cotler, is one in which Israel and world Jewry are held to a higher and unequal standard of human rights, that has resulted in a new form of

anti-Semitism blanketing the globe, underlying international relations and manifesting itself in the Zionism equals racism equation found on conference literature and memorabilia.

What happened at the World Conference on Racism, suggested Cotler, was an event of Orwellian proportions.

"The conference was intended to be, and should have been, a world conference against racism," said Cotler. "It was converted into a conference of racism

against Jews. A conference that was supposed to speak about human rights as the new secular religion of our time, ended up singling out Israel as the mega human rights violator of our time, in other words, as the new anti-Christ of our time.

A conference that was to speak in the name of humanity ended up speaking in the name of inhumanity."

Cotler suggested that the current climate of hostility in which Israel and world

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Studies in Jerusalem. She is considered Israel's most outspoken Conservative Jewish feminist and founded the Israel Woman's Network in 1984 to address issues of equal opportunity and equal status for women. In 1999 she was named president of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. She also established the Department of English at Ben Gurion University in 1969.

Rabbi Telushkin is the author of numerous books including *Jewish Humor* and *Jewish Literacy*. Rabbi Telushkin is famous for his wry sense of humour and his relish in the human dimension of the Talmudic study. He has written episodes for the Emmy-award winning drama "The Practice" and for "Touched by an Angel." His books include *Jewish Literacy*, the most widely read book on Judaism of the last two decades; *The Book of Jewish Values: A Day-by-Day Guide to Ethical Living*, a manual on how to lead a decent, kind and honest life in a morally complicated world; and *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal*.

Rabbi Kushner has written *Living a Life that Matters* and *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. The latter book addresses one of the most perplexing problems in religious belief and interweaves the death of his son from a fatal illness with issues of a theology. He brings psychological insight and compassion to his discussions of human experience.

The second Allah broadcast *God: Personal Thoughts* will be on Thursday, April 18 at 9:00 p.m. and will feature former New York Governor Mario Cuomo and Professor Elie Wiesel in a discussion about the nature of God, what God means to them, and how their understanding of a divine being informing their daily lives.

The third Allah broadcast *From Haven to Holocaust*, a Yom Hashoah



Rabbi Harold Kushner



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Commemorative Lecture features award winning author and photojournalist Dr. Ruth Gruber. She will tell the story of her involvement in the top secret US government rescue of 1,000 Second World War refugees in 1944 and speak about her book *Exodus 1947: The Ship that Launched a Nation*. The lecture will be shown in Ottawa after Yom HaShoah to avoid interference with the community Yom HaShoah program. Tickets to the Kallah are \$12 per lecture or \$30 for the series.

The tickets are available at the SJCC (798 9818, ext. 243). For more information, call Maxine Miska, Director of Programming (798 9818, ext 263).



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The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award of the

Jewish Community Council of Ottawa

Members of the Jewish community are invited to nominate an individual or organization for the 2002 Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award. The award, initiated in 1980 in tribute to the memory of Past President Gilbert Greenberg, is intended to recognize exceptional service to the Jewish community over the course of many years. It is the highest award the community can bestow.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Selection Committee in writing by Tuesday, March 26, 2002, including a resume of the individual's or organization's contribution to community life.

The presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Community on June 12, 2002. The name of the award winner will be recorded on the tablet in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. A replica will be given to the recipient.

Address recommendations to Mr. Stephen Greenberg, Chair of the Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9, marked "Nominations for Distinguished Service Award."

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Though the initial grant ran out, your UJA dollars, in the form of a \$30,000 supplemental allocation, has ensured the continuity of this vital program.

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Volunteer profile:

Tracy Shapiro

Where do you volunteer?

I've been a member of YAD since its inception, serving as Chair this year. I've helped with the UJA campaign as a telephone canvasser and on Walkathon. I'm a member of Na'amat Otmah chapter.

What do you find most challenging about volunteering?

Getting others to see how it can be so rewarding – how important it is to give back to the community. With everyone's limited time, it's challenging to find people who are motivated to work towards a common goal, to find people who are each willing to do a little part.

Which living person do you most admire?

I most admire my grandfather, Casey Swedlove. He is a mensch with a capital M for all of his years dedicated to the Jewish Community and the positive outlook he has on life.



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Ruth Smeltzer

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Chana Esther, grade 2, Torah Academy

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Sheli Braun, Principal, Temple Israel Religious School

New form of anti-Semitism threatens Israel and World Jewry

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Jewry finds itself is due, in most part, to the silence of world powers and influential groups who are systematically ignoring and not speaking out on the unfair attacks against Israel on the issues of human rights, and also a refusal by many to recognize the legitimacy of the state of Israel.

Cotler acknowledged that Israel's hands are not clean when it comes to the issue of human rights, yet he affirmed that time and time again, Israel is the only human rights violator taken to task at the international level.

This, Cotler said, is the result of a new form of anti-Semitism that is manifesting itself not in the old form of anti-Semitism, which was a systematic denial of and discrimination against the rights of individual Jews to live as equal members in a society, but as the "discrimination against and the denial of the right of the Jewish people to live as an



Renowned human rights activist Irwin Cotler at a demonstration in support of Falun Gong practitioners. Cotler believes that Israel and World Jewry is threatened by a new form of anti-Semitism.

equal member of the family of nations."

Cotler presented six indicators of this new form of discrimination: genocidal, political, ideological, theological, cultural and a denial of equality to Israel on the world stage. All have the effect, said Cotler, of rendering Israel responsible for all the evils in the world and call for the destruction of

the Jewish state.

"We have moved from those who would deny us our past," said Cotler, in ref-

erence to those who decry the Holocaust and suggest that Jews use their past sufferings as an excuse to levy suffering on others, "to the same people, who if they had a chance, would deny us our present and our future."

If we are truly committed to peace, said Cotler, it is time to reject silence and indifference to the emergence of this new anti-Semitism and take on the responsibility of speaking out and making others aware of the justice of the Jewish cause.

"We are speaking too often only to ourselves," he said.

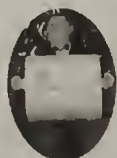
"If we have learned anything from world history, if we have learned anything in terms of the Holocaust, is that the Holocaust of European Jewry, the genocide of Rwanda, the ethnic cleansing in the Balkans took place because of the silence

of those who by their silence acquiesced and were complicit in the commission of those acts," said Cotler, "it is our responsibility to shadow the conspiracies of silence and the crimes of indifference, wherever they may be."

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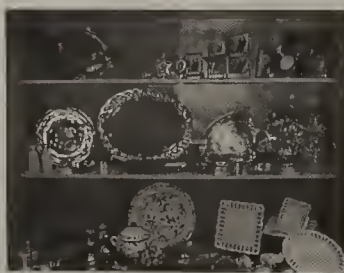
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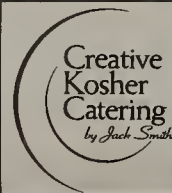


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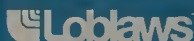
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Kosher food goes mainstream: one-third of all products now kosher

Over 50 per cent of purchasers of kosher food are non-Jews

By Benita Baker

Hungry for a kosher nosh? No problem. There are over 100,000 kosher food products on the market for you to choose from. Indeed, kosher foods are one of the fastest growing segments of the food industry. One-third of all products on US and Canadian supermarket shelves is certified kosher and they are produced by more than 10,000 companies worldwide.

Estimates of the size of the market are difficult to pinpoint since so many products, like Heinz ketchup, Coke and Kraft peanut butter, are certified kosher but are not purchased solely because they are kosher. But the market is huge – estimates range from \$3 - \$150 billion (US). In Israel alone, the kosher food market is over \$13 billion (US). In France, the market is estimated to be \$450 million. Canada's market is valued at \$5 million.

Kosher is big business. In fact, so big that US Embassy staff in cities throughout the world monitor the kosher market and submit recommendations on how US exporters can best penetrate foreign kosher markets.

Surprised that so many Jews keep kosher? Actually, according to a study undertaken last year, Jewish consumers make up about 45 per

cent of the kosher market. The growing demand for kosher food is due mostly to a non-Jewish population who regard kosher as a mark of quality and purity. Who are they? Muslims, strict vegetarians, people with allergies to dairy foods or who are lactose intolerant, people who are health conscious, and people who like the ethnic appeal of kosher food. Kosher food is going mainstream.

Probably the largest group of non-Jewish kosher product consumers are Muslims, who are guided by dietary requirements called 'halal' that have some similarities to kosher laws. Halal means lawful or permitted in Arabic. Halal, for example, does not allow the eating of pork. Some kosher products consequently appeal to Muslims because of the assurances they provide.

The "pareve" designation

"... the kosher seal is equivalent to what the Good Housekeeping Seal meant in the 1950s."

The word kosher comes from the Hebrew word meaning fit and proper as related to Jewish dietary laws. The term has entered popular vocabulary to describe something that is appropriate and meets accepted rules and standards. It also immediately denotes a wholesome method of food preparation and a humane treatment of animals. Quoting a food analyst from a major securities firm, one kosher food supplier declares that "...the kosher seal is equivalent to what the Good Housekeeping Seal meant in the 1950s."

of some kosher foods is a key reason why other groups of non-Jews are big consumers of these items. "Pareve" is the Hebrew word for neutral. Since kosher law requires the complete separation of meat and milk, a product certified as "pareve" guarantees that it contains no dairy or animal by-products. This is important to vegetarians and to people with milk allergies or who are lactose-intolerant.

Kosher meats and poultry appeal to a variety of consumers because of the standards under which they are prepared and because of the humane way in which the animals are slaughtered.

Kosher animals are killed one-at-a-time, by hand, in a swift, painless manner. Non-kosher animals are electrocuted en masse. Another advantage of ritual kosher slaughter is complete draining of the animal's blood, which appeals to many buyers especially when cooking chicken.

Many people buy kosher just because it is perceived as a healthier choice. The supervision of food preparation, the lack of additives, the strict control over ingredients lead them to believe that "kosher is better, kosher is healthier."

Curiously, Japan is considered a growing market for kosher products because of its ethnic appeal. A recent USDA report notes the success of one Japanese company that has been importing bagels by the 40-foot container load and wants to further benefit by expanding imports of its kosher product line. The report concludes that "the appeal of the New York deli (in Japan) has good

potential, which we hope to promote."

The general assumption is that kosher food is more expensive. Of course it is. The close supervision of the food preparation, including the equipment used, the ritual slaughtering of animals as well as the specialized salting and butchering of the meat – all the things that make a kosher product kosher – are extras that cost time and money.

Is price an issue? Does it stop people from buying kosher products? Apparently not since this market is growing so quickly. For Jews that keep kosher in observance of Torah laws or for those who buy kosher for religious, health, medical or philosophical reasons, the price is irrelevant. They buy kosher foods because of what they are and not because of what they cost. It's not about the cost. It's about the food.


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Israel creates world's biggest salad using veggies developed with KKL-JNF's innovativeness

Thousands of visitors flocked to the Arava's Open Day on January 31 for an up-close look at the Agricultural Research and Development Station (ARDS), which is the prime initiator of the new crops grown in the region.



Mark Klyman

The highlight of the day was, without a doubt, preparation of the biggest salad in the world - weighing 3020 tons - thereby breaking previous world record of an English salad, which weighed a "mere" 2476 tons.

The huge, colourful salad was made of vegetables that now grow in the Arava, largely as a result of the efforts at the Arava ARDS. The goals of research stations such as these is to maximize the profitability, stability and international competitiveness of Israeli agriculture by improving existing crops and introducing new ones.

These efforts include adopting and developing advanced technologies to yield new marketing strains in terms of shape, colour and taste; and encouraging new branches, such as ornamental fish-breeding, ostrich farming, and breeding edible fish in brackish water. Other topics tackled by the ARDS are irrigation, insecticides, pesticides, the use of netting, etc.

KKL-JNF assumed management and support of Israel's outlying R&D agriculture stations in 1996; by 2001 these stations had increased to nine with an overall operating budget of NIS 20 million. Such stations in the remote areas of Israel try to maximize each region's relative advantages and natural assets: climate, soil, water sources and manpower. The field instructors work alongside well-known scientists from research institutes and universities.

KKL-JNF's involvement in R&D stations dovetails with its long-standing commitment to developing Israel's outlying regions, which it regards as a top national priority. Thanks to the fruitful (literally!) R&D, new crops are developed in these regions that expand employment opportunities and attract new populations. KKL-JNF's support is much more than financial: In the last two years, it has deepened its active involvement in regional R&D stations and plays a role at all levels of management, control, supervision and leadership.

Yehiel Leket, world chairman of KKL-JNF, said "KKL-JNF invests about 20 million shekels every year in agricultural research and development, in order to benefit peripheral areas and the general economy, increase jobs in the outlying regions and expand their communities. This is a national mission of the highest importance."

Behind every JNF Project, there is an enthusiastic sponsor: These R&D projects in organic agriculture at the Arava ARDS are being sponsored by JNF of Australia supporter Frank Lowy of Sydney, New South Wales.

Bat Mitzvah celebrant

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to Samantha Paige Schwartz who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah recently. Samantha's proud parents chose to add a meaningful dimension to the major milestone their daughter's life by inscribing her name in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

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Berger's legacy helps our Olympic athletes

By Ian Sadlinsky

Behind the thrills and spills, surprises and disappointments of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics was a very real connection to the Ottawa Jewish community. Gerry Berger, who passed away in 1998, was the federal bureaucrat responsible for managing the development of the major Olympic facilities for Calgary in 1988 - Canada Olympic Park, the Speedskating Oval, the bobsled and luge run, to name but a few. Berger was a very practical person and under his guidance this suite of competition and training venues was delivered on time and on budget, and won awards for engineering excellence.

From 1988, Canada's medal performance at the Winter Olympics grew steadily. From five medals in Calgary in 1988 and a 10th place finish, we improved to seven medals in Albertville in 1992 (8th place), 13 medals at Lillehammer in 1994 (tie for 5th place), and 15 medals in Nagano in 1998 (5th place). In fact, two thirds of the Canadian medals at Nagano were won by athletes who trained at the Calgary facilities.

This year, over half of Canada's 157 Olympic athletes trained at the Calgary facilities, as did numerous competitors from other countries, before and on their way to Salt Lake City. Berger's vision for Calgary was to create a "lasting legacy" that would support Canadian athletes for decades to come. In



Gerry Berger with (1992) synchronized swimming gold medalist Sylvie Frechette at Lillehammer Winter Olympics 1994

addition to athletes, dozens of Olympic coaches, support staff, physiotherapists, psychologists and doctors are attached to the facilities operated by the Calgary Olympic Development Association. So the federal investment continues to pay dividends for Canadian sport.

The Calgary Olympic's connection made elite amateur sports a preoccupation for Berger. From 1989, he was a member of the Canadian Olympic Association, and in 1992 he was appointed a federal coordinator for the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria. He also worked on the Olympic bids for Toronto and Quebec City and the Winnipeg bid for the Pan American Games.

Frank King, chairman of the Calgary Olympics said, "Gerry was, without doubt, the most respected senior official of the Canadian government I ever met. He made a huge difference to the

important gathering, one that was not sanctioned by the formal Olympic movement.

Gerry's commitment to creating lasting legacies can also be found on the Jewish Community Campus where he was instrumental in securing the school that was the pioneering venture for this now-thriving enclave of community facilities. Recently, Gerry's wife, Ruth, went back to Hillel Academy with a number of Olympic souvenirs - jackets, torches, medals, pins - to give some of the children an opportunity to share the magic of the Olympic experience.

Some day Ottawa will produce its first Jewish Olympic medalist. In the meantime, we can be proud that the work of one of our esteemed leaders, the late Gerry Berger, will continue to support the development of world-class Canadian athletes for many years to come.



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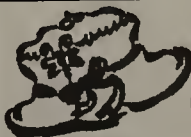
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VAAD Report

Devora Caytak
Jewish Youth Library

Editor's note: Vaad President Gerald Levitz has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

When Gerald Levitz asked me to do this column, and to talk about the issues and challenges facing the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa, I thought: "Good timing." I had just returned from the International Conference for over 1,000 Lubavitcher Shlichot (emissaries) in New York, where I'd had the chance to meet and talk to Jewish women from all over the world. Yet while many of us came from disparate backgrounds and locations with their own focuses, I discovered that many of the challenges that faced us were shared. The most serious issue of all seemed to be funding: how do we get enough of it?

The Jewish Youth Library has always struggled with this. Although we have been in existence since 1983, we only just obtained our beneficiary status from UJA this year. Our survival has relied (and continues to rely) on

Youth Library has much to offer

the generosity of our supporters and donors. Yet we have some wonderful programs—programs that are open to anyone in the community, no matter what their Jewish affiliation (or non-affiliation)! Our goal has always been to help people understand the value of Jewish tradition and observance; to help them reconnect with Judaism in a non-threatening way.

I think part of the problem is that many in the community haven't yet discovered us. I don't think they are aware of all of the things we offer – and that's another challenge for us. Our library (located at 192 Switzer Avenue off Kirkwood) contains some wonderful English Judaica and a reference section for adults, teens and children. The Jarvis Freedman Torah Tape Library offers over 3,000 tapes on everything, from Kabbalah and learning Hebrew, to time-management and Chassidic stories. We have videos for every age and taste: from Uncle Moishe and the Mikvah experience to setting a Shabbos table and conducting a Passover Seder.

Our Tiny Treasures licensed pre-school was the first of its kind in Ottawa offering a warm, nurturing environment where children learned the Aleph Bet along with Jewish holidays and traditions. It's now evolved into a Jewish Pre-School of the Arts and has continued to offer an excellent program with a low student-teacher ratio. Our Friday morning Shabbat for Tots drop-in still attracts moms and children to the challah-baking, craft-making and social interaction.

And then there are our special classes: twice-weekly lessons with Rabbi Botnick, our Sunday afternoon story-time for children, our scholar-in-residence program, the

annual Jewish Women's Educational Institute in the Summer, Gan Yisroel Summer Camp, our community Pesach Seders and holiday parties.

The Jewish Youth Library is constantly striving to improve its programming and innovate. From the feedback we get from patrons, we know we're on the right track. The problem, as always, is funding (or lack of it).

When I was in New York, I visited the Rebbe's gravesite (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, o.b.m.). While I was praying, this woman came up to me and she said: "You Lubavitchers have such love for your fellow Jew. You embrace everyone with such love. It's because of you that I became more observant!"

Yet that was one of the Rebbe's main precepts – *ahavat Yisrael* – love of Israel; of Jews, all Jews. The Rebbe was known to stand for hours to accommodate all of the visitors who came to see him for a blessing. He was once asked how he had the strength to do this and he explained that when he saw all these people, it was like counting diamonds. So how could he tire of counting something as beautiful as that? To him, everyone was a diamond and worthy of love.

That has always been our philosophy. I sometimes think people are hesitant to try our programs because they feel they are not observant enough. You don't have to be observant at all to be welcomed! I would like to take this opportunity to invite every one of you who have never been to the library to visit. Please join us. Participate in our programs. Check out our library. Come see what you've been missing. Help us face our challenges so we may go from strength to strength.



How I see it

Bob Dale

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, almost 50,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Ontario this year. Because cancer is mainly a disease of older Canadians (70 per cent of new cancer cases occur among those who are at least 60 years old), the number of new cancer cases will likely increase significantly over the next few years as the baby boomers continue to age.

Keeping these facts in mind, I find recent news reports about the shortage of CAT scan machines in Ottawa to cope with the patient population extremely upsetting. CAT scans, say the experts, are critical in cancer treatment. They show not only how much a tumour has grown, in order to decide on the method of treatment, but also whether a particular treatment is working. Although the preferred standard time period for a CAT scan is one week, the waiting time in Ottawa now runs up to six weeks. This has greatly increased the anxieties already felt by cancer patients and their families, and forced many to drive or fly to US locations for quicker tests.

Dr. Rebecca Peterson, head of the department of radiology at the Ottawa Hospital, has been quoted as saying that today's pressures have been building for four years. Four years! That's long enough, I should think, for policy makers at the federal and provincial levels to address and resolve the critical problems that exist in relation to cancer treatment and other health care areas.

Indeed, health care has been identified in successive Angus Reid polls as Canadians' top national issue, with over half of those surveyed saying that health care is

Does anyone care about the health care crisis?

their highest priority. Given that, and the persistent shortages in key equipment and essential staff, I wonder why people haven't become a lot more vocal than they already are about today's situation. Why aren't they more outraged about the apparent lack of coordinated planning and lack of foresight that brought it about? Why aren't they asking serious questions about the other priorities our governments seem to feel are even more important, like the tax breaks they give out to make our economy more "competitive." I wonder, do people want to compete, or do they want adequately funded, better-coordinated, more readily available health care?

I admit that I have a vested interest. I'm a baby boomer, moving ever closer to the magic age of 60 cited by the Canadian Cancer Society. I also know, from what has happened to several friends and acquaintances, that cancer can hit a lot earlier than age 60. As regular readers of this column will already know, cancer has also had a direct impact on me and my immediate family. My mother died of cancer, as did her mother and her two brothers. My father, diagnosed with prostate cancer six years ago, is now undergoing a second round of treatment. Given the role of genetics in cancer, the odds of myself needing cancer treatment at some point, is unfortunately quite high. I don't want to wait in any six-week line, when a longer wait can literally mean the difference between life and death.

Of course, cancer isn't the only health care issue that matters. Home care is another key concern, heightened by the Ontario government's announcement that it will be providing Community Care Access Centres with no additional funding this year. Ottawa's CCAC, which responded by restricting the number of new clients it will take on, says it needed \$10.3 million over last year's total to provide the same level of service as it did in 2000-01. According to the experts, a significant propor-

tion of people have a health care crisis a year or two after their home care service is cut, and this lands up costing the system even more. Once more, the same themes emerge: a shortage of funding, coupled with a lack of adequate planning and foresight, makes the health care system even worse for the people who need it the most.

We're going to have a provincial election within the next year or so. When that happens, we need to let the politicians who'll be seeking our votes know what we think the province's priorities should be. Here's a warning for prospective politicians who may be campaigning in the Centrepointe area. If you want to hear why health care is too important an issue to ignore, just knock at the house with the basketball net over the white garage door, and ask to speak to the guy with the greying beard.

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Editor

Barry Fishman

They walked out of the lecture shaken by what they had just heard and viewed. The 70 or so people who attended Dr. Josh Teitelbaum's UJA-sponsored talk on "Suicide Terrorism in the Middle East: Is it Islamic" saw a video tape from Palestinian TV of crowds of people and religious leaders preaching hatred and death towards Israelis and Jews throughout the world. What was even more disturbing than the hatred and anti-Semitism was the praise heaped on the suicide terrorists. For many the suicide bombers are what the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood call the "seekers of martyrdom." Suicide terrorism has become the glorification of death through martyrdom.

Since its founding in 1987, Hamas has always opposed any peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Teitelbaum, research fellow at Tel Aviv University's prestigious Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, believes that although Islam rejects the notion of suicide, radical Muslims such as Hamas see suicide bombings as a self sacrifice or martyrdom in the time-honoured tradition of a jihad. For them, he says, "it is a religious obligation" to destroy Israel which they see as the "vanguard of the unbelieving west."

The suicide bombers, martyrdom and the glorification of death

Hamas believes that as the confrontations continue and members of the PLO join them in common cause, the hatred and suicide bombings will increase and Israel will be forced to withdraw unilaterally from the West Bank. Any attempt by Arafat to be conciliatory towards Israel is rejected and criticized. The ultimate goal is the complete destruction of the Jewish state.

Could the PLO and Arafat stop the suicide bombers? They could certainly slow them down by arresting and keeping in prison some of the ring-leaders and by acting on the information Israel provides on potential terrorist attacks. Teitelbaum believes that Arafat and the PLO "do not have the political will to do it." Without a doubt the suicide bombers have the support of the religious and political leaders of the PLO.

According to Teitelbaum, suicide bombings give the Palestinians a "sense of empowerment that shows Jews are scared of death and Muslims are the exact opposite." It is seen as an "ideal death ... a marriage of martyrdom" that will be rewarded in heaven with 70 beautiful virgins. Perhaps the following chilling quote from a Palestinian mother best sums up the feeling: "The best Mother's Day present I got this year was the death of my son Abbas as a martyr." As long as suicide bombers are revered and honoured by the Palestinians and the Arab media there will always be plenty of recruits willing to die for the cause.

That is why Israel needs our support, especially now. So when the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of Israel, sitting at the head table during the Canada-Israel Committee 17th Parliamentary Dinner and Policy Conference, look out at the audience let's send them this message: The reason you see so many of us here is that the Ottawa Jewish community cares and supports the State of Israel.

The conference and dinner take place Wednesday March 6. For ticket information contact the CIC (234-8271) or register on the web (www.cicweb.ca).

Extension of Holocaust claims filing deadline announced

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC) announced that it would extend its deadline for filing claims until September 30, 2001.

The original deadline of February 15, 2002 was changed by ICHEIC Chair and former US Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger. He stated that the extension, which applies to existing as well as new claimants, was necessary to allow the ICHEIC sufficient time to publish additional names of policyholders on its website (www.icheic.org) and give "adequate time for the public to review the lists."

The ICHEIC was established in October of 1998 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), in conjunction with several European insurance companies, European regulators, representatives of several Jewish organizations, and the State of Israel. The commission is charged with establishing a just process that will expeditiously address the issue of unpaid insurance policies issued to victims of the Holocaust.

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Rabbi Elazar said in the name of Rabbi Chivuna: "Torah scholars increase peace in the world. ... There is abundant peace for the lovers of your Torah. ... May there be peace within your wall, serenity within your palaces." (Berachot 64a, Artscroll translation)

Countless number of articles, lectures and sermons have been delivered regarding the vexing problem of Jewish unity and continuity. Task forces have been struck, committees have been formed, money has been spent to analyze, dissect, prognosticate, and pontificate about the need for Jewish unity. None seem to offer any solutions.

But suddenly, a new solution has been proposed, as old as the Torah itself, an answer that is taking hold in congregations, schools and JCC's and producing results: the study of Torah. There is a growing thirst for text study that cuts across the denominational divide. Classes

A solution to Jewish unity

are arising all around our city dedicated to Torah study and attracting all kinds of students from all walks of religious life who are looking at the society around them and are saying: I need something motivating, I can't stand the vapid, valueless society I see around me. I need to return to my roots, to my holy texts, and to see what Judaism has to say on different issues. I need to see how Judaism affects me.

Recently in Ottawa, many of us participated in a wonderful seminar dealing with business ethics and Judaism. I would venture to say that this seminar attracted all kinds of audience members of all religious persuasions who yearned to hear what *Halacha* has to say about issues that are in the news. Kudos to the arrangers.

In Manhattan, there is an amazing program called the Manhattan Jewish Experience run by a young orthodox rabbi, Mark Wildes, which is attracting literally thousands of young Jewish men and women to learn more about their heritage. Programs such as this, like JET in Ottawa, reach out to people wishing to increase their knowledge about Judaism.

This desire to learn, to grow in Jewish knowledge, stands in stark contrast to those who are reluctant to allow

their children to become Jewish literate for reasons that are unfathomable to progressive, Jewish educated Jews. The segment of the community here and elsewhere that declines to see the importance of textual study that refuses to consider the possibilities of Jewish education for their children and for themselves are basically stating that they are comfortable living as they are without religious values, without religious roots. By definition, the desire for Jewish unity is of no significance to them. Their Judaism of secondary importance.

As we approach the holiday of education, Passover, we pray for some *Seder* in our lives, some unity, some direction, some cohesiveness as a Torah community which demonstrates that unity through the study of Torah. Perhaps, we can participate in those *sedarim* of Torah study that already exist in Ottawa, or maybe we can organize our own *Seder*.

The rabbis tell us that after 120 years, *Hachem* will ask us if we established our own times and *sedarim* for learning Torah during the course of our lives. Let us join together and create the true Jewish unity through study of our revered texts. We dare not wait. Our future as a Jewish community depends on it.

Coping with terrorism in Jerusalem

Ottawa resident Mina Cohn received the following e-mail from her cousin in Jerusalem.

Cohn writes: "It gave me the opportunity to understand how under the state of terror, even a simple activity can turn into a horrifying experience. Rabbi Joseph Schachter whom we call affectionately Yosi wrote the e-mail."

We just returned home from downtown Jerusalem where we had planned to exchange some of our paperbacks. Usually, we take the bus due to the parking problem.

Some several blocks from our destination numerous cell phones began to chirp, sing, and whatever. The word rippled through the bus: "Od pigua" (another terror incident). This was outside the Notre Dame Building opposite the Old City walls. The bus driver opened the doors and announced that he was not proceeding on his usual route on Jaffa Street – so whoever wanted to should

get off. We did and began walking towards the book exchange to discover that that was precisely the area where the suicide bomber had blown himself up. We tried to get to the shop around the back streets, but the shop was blocked off as well and shards of glass all over the alley where the shop is located.

Had we taken the earlier bus we would have been part of the scene. Some 100 people were taken to hospitals, most of them shock victims, but some 40 with actual injuries from light to heavy. I was still

shlepping the books and as you may know Rochelle has difficulty walking so we stopped frequently and tried to get a cab home – as all the bus routes had been diverted from the downtown area. I suggested that we stop and have our lunch and try to wait out the emergency. We did, but the evacuation of the wounded continued and all cabs seemed to be occupied. We ended up walking halfway home until we were able to catch a cab that was discharging a passenger.

When we finally got home (with the same pile of books with which we had left) there were umpteen messages on our answering machine. We had already used the cell phone to check in with the children.

So, every time one of these incidents takes place there is a round of calls to try and find out if everyone is OK.

Among the unpleasant scenes of the carnage was a piece of human remains that had hurtled some 150 feet and landed just beyond the barrier set up by the police. The fact that it was probably a piece of the perpetrator did not mitigate the horror.

Such is life – and we are learning to cope with this too.

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A lifetime of helping their community has made a difference

By Stephen Schneiderman
Executive Director
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The brothers Carlofsky, Abe and Sol - the sole remaining members of a proud, established and community-minded family, spend much of their time these days visiting with each other in their apartments on Wurtemburg.

Just a few short years ago they might walk down the street to the old Hillel Lodge to visit and look-in on the residents. This was done not so much out of curiosity, but rather as a matter of kindness and con-

cern for the elderly people who made the Lodge their home.

A visit or a phone call from Messrs. Carlofsky to the Lodge generally meant one thing, the brothers were interested in how they could help. It really did not matter to them what was needed, cedar boughs for the Succah, a friendly visit at Passover or participating at a Seder, they were always glad to offer their support.

The Carlofsky "boys" make no pretense as to their mission in life. They want to be of service to their

community, and make a difference. And what a difference they have made!

They were, without a doubt, among the most generous contributors to the Lodge during its Capital Campaign. Their dedication to those more needy or less fortunate have given the Lodge the opportunity to offer new programs and services.

Not content to just open their cheque book: Abe, and Sol sponsored the very first Kiddush in the Lodge's new Shul. As always they were generous with their support. More



Abe Carlofsky (left) with Roger Greenberg in front of The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, 1898.

importantly the event signified to many that when the brothers find a cause, they

are loyal and steadfast to it. Their years of dedication to the Lodge and the Ottawa

Jewish Community are well documented.

The Carlofsky Room in the Lodge where people gather to enjoy kiddish, social events and programs, serves as further evidence of their generosity. They put their hearts and souls into their efforts and want to see as many people as possible benefit.

The number of people that have directly and indirectly benefitted from Abe and Sol's kindness would require the space of several volumes to fill. The brothers have spent a lifetime of helping their community.

Three Ottawa students participate in relief mission in El Salvador

By Becca Siggnier

Last January an enormous earthquake devastated El Salvador. Over a thousand people died and 150,000 homes were destroyed. There have been more than 3000 aftershocks, landslides, and collapsed buildings, leading to widespread disruption of communications, transportation, and public services. Rebuilding the country will cost more than half of the country's yearly budget.

In response to this tragedy, the Jewish community stepped in and began working to send aid to the area. The program, organized by the American World Jewish Service (AJWS) and Ve'ahavta has been sending university students to developing countries over their reading weeks for several years to help rebuild villages that have been destroyed by wars or natural disasters.

Since last year, AJWS participants have helped rebuild 170 homes in El Salvador. Partnered with AJWS is Ve'ahavta, Canada's humanitarian Jewish aid group. They were one of the first to arrive in El Salvador with humanitarian aid after the earthquake. The group organized a bus convoy that drove all the way to El Salvador to bring medical supplies and food to the people. The Toronto group is being coordinated and partially funded by Jew-

ish Campus Services.

Three Ottawa-native students will be joining the group and travelling to Ciudad Romero, (about three hours from the capital San Salvador) over their reading week. Jewish Campus Services in Toronto selected Becca Siggnier, Naomi Levitz, and Patricia Pemica, along with seven other University of Toronto students, to represent the University of Toronto in El Salvador. They will be travelling with ten

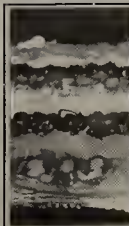
other students from Brandeis University. The mission will give the students the opportunity to learn about the struggles of a developing country and its people, while learning about a different culture.

The area surrounding Ciudad Romero and all of El Salvador is in dire need of med-

ical and school supplies, and new homes. The students will provide physical labour for the rebuilding process, but all of the tasks are designed and coordinated by members of the villages. Participants will be assisting with the construction of 'round houses', which are small homes that are earth-

quake-resistant. This is the first time that students from Canada will be participating in this project.

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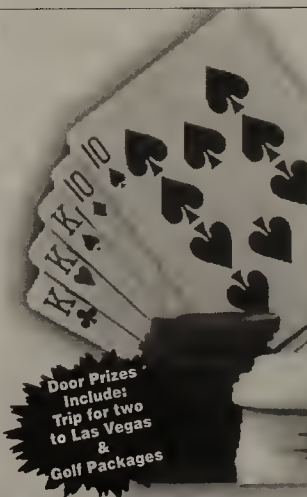
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Visual artist helps seniors use and enjoy art

By Sharon Abnon Drache

As a child growing up in Montreal, Roslyn Postner attended art classes at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts when Arthur Lismer of Group of Seven fame was the director. "Like a piper piper figur, Lismer led groups of children through the museum - he was a tall, older man with lots of wild, white hair, and he would go over to famous paintings and talk about them with lots of enthusiasm," she says.

A piper piper figure herself with long, grey curls, and a capricious smile, Roslyn Postner emotes about how and why she is hooked on visual arts. There were many art books at home when she was growing up, and she was drawn to the French impressionists, particularly their use of colour and light - Manet and Van Gogh were, and still are favourites.

"Since art education was not valued, I found myself studying science at McGill, receiving an applied science masters degree, and subsequently pursuing a career as a psychologist." Still, Postner found herself unable to stop painting, and in the early 1980s (while working part-time at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, and with two young children Alisa and Jonathon, now 29 and 27 respectively) she joined an art group led by local sculptor Bruce Garner. He encouraged her to participate in an art show called "Simple Pleasures."

Two panels from the show, a winter and summer scene on the Rideau Canal near Dow's Lake remain in



Roslyn Postner

her possession. Postner talks about the 1982 paintings and her minimalist approach to art: "The entire arrangement of things must appear right to me. I begin by picking a theme, and then I add figures and objects, and then I take away," she says.

"Simple Pleasures" scientific method may well have inspired her unusual visual arts career. About ten years ago, she received a certificate in Gerontology from Algonquin College, which included a thesis entitled "Creative Activities for Seniors," and a placement at The Centretown Community Centre. "Using my own ideas is what I like to best," says Postner and it was at The Centretown Community Centre with seniors sitting around with their canes, which looked rather dull and

generally disahling that she suggested, "Why don't we decorate your canes?" They liked the idea, but few had the dexterity or self-esteem to participate - however, they were pleased to have her decorate their canes for them.

It was at that moment that Roslyn Postner's amazing visual arts business, Cane Fashion, was born. Using the same method she had used in her canal paintings, she developed a minimalist procedure for decorating canes, which seniors would find practical as well as aesthetic. "Seniors like the idea of canes that will match their outfits or enhance what they are wearing, so a black background with a design on it is a bestseller." Gradually, with seniors' feedback, she expanded her design repertoire.

For practicality the canes have to be adjustable, "It is very important that they be the right height so my canes have notches for raising and lowering."

Postner has sold upwards of 1200 canes, samples of which hang from a display case in her living room. The staff-part is covered with fabric (some 40 different designs). She pre-coats the

fabric before rolling it on to the cane and then she varnishes it three times. "It is important that canes are resistant to sun, rain, sleet, and snow," Postner emphasizes. The varnishing is done in stages, because each coat has to dry thoroughly. The canes sell for as low as \$55 depending on where they are purchased. Her originally designed canes are available by special order through her directly, or at several local outlets, including Handi House, Canada Care and Shoppers' Drug Mart Home Healthcare.

Postner found herself more and more involved with seniors through her art. Cane Fashion, is hands-on, but she is doing the art - now, Postner wants seniors to enjoy art as much as she does. The perfect opportunity came on last year's Mitzvah Day sponsored by United Jewish Appeal. She volunteered at Hillel Lodge, and since then, she continues to meet weekly with a group of 5-7 residents at Art With Roslyn.

The residents are very enthusiastic, but sometimes they need Roslyn Postner or her assistant, Estelle Meltzer, to lend a helping hand. "It is a challenge for me to create meaningful artistic activities that seniors can share, and have a good time too. I bring my own art materials because I like to have them at home near me when I think of ideas of what we can do each week. Having the idea of what we are going to do, provides a certain amount of

structure, but at the same time each individual's work is encouraged and valued."

"Step out in style!" is the motto for her custom-designed canes, but it also serves as a catch phrase for the metamorphosis of her unusual visual arts career. Postner is helping seniors to enjoy keeping active by decorating their canes through her business, and inspiring their dreams through her Hillel Lodge weekly art classes.

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By the time a child has graduated OTTAS, he/she has learned all parts of a Shabbat service except for the Torah reading, Haftarah reading and P'seuki D'zimra. These portions of the Shabbat service were led by the students of Akiva High School. The service ended with a kiddush sponsored by the parents of OTTAS and Akiva.

The students of OTTAS



It's been a busy time at Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School since the grade 6 class lit the Chanukiah in December.

and Ottawa Modern Jewish School participated in a Purim celebration. The event included a costume parade, Purim carnival, games, prizes, refreshments and "Hamentashen." To fulfill the mitzvot of Purim, the children brought in food for the Kasher Food Bank and prepared Mishloach Manot for Tamir, Hillel Lodge and seniors living in other resi-

dences. The students also heard the reading of the Megillah.

The children are now busily preparing for Pesach. On Sunday, March 24 model Seders will be held throughout the school. The grade 4/5 class, under the direction of Morah Ella Fersht, will lead her students and their parents through the Seder. And what is a

Seder without a Seder plate? The children will be designing their own ceramic plates which will be ready for the family Seder. The grade 6 class will make their own Elijah's cup to go with the Seder plate which they designed last year.

The grade 1-3 classes recently welcomed Rabbi Blum as he led them through a Shabbat workshop. The children learned about the beauty of Shabbat and how to welcome the Shabbat queen. Each child made a Shabbat candle from scratch and decorated a candlestick holder. The children are looking forward to welcoming Shabbat with their own Shabbat candle.

Registration is now open for the 2002/2003 school year. For information about Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School, call 722-8827.

New UJA spring festival planned

By Debbie Harris-Tobin

The UJA Walkathon has a new logo to go with the exciting, larger program being planned. The design depicts the traditional aspects of the Walkathon along with symbols that invoke thoughts of a fanciful, festive AVIV (spring). Recognizing and celebrating our Jewish culture is an integral part of this exceptional day being held on Sunday, May 26.

In the past two years, the Relay Race has become a featured event of the day. Teams of five join to com-

plete a 1 km course around the periphery of the Jewish Community Campus. Each team participates in either a walking or running relay.

In the 2001 a very special team participated in the Relay Race. Escorted by students from Yitzhak Rabin High School, Harry Toronto, Betty Wax, Helen Rosenthal, Betty Ballon and Betty Rosenberg, residents of Hillel Lodge, completed the route in record time.

Last year the event was successfully coordinated by Richard Roth, who has gra-



ciously accepted the position again. He is projecting at least triple the number of teams from last year. The

route is laid out and all that is needed is the community's participation. Everyone is encouraged to lace up his or her running/walking shoes, enlist four friends and register. Old or young, runner or walker, let's make this Relay the best one ever.

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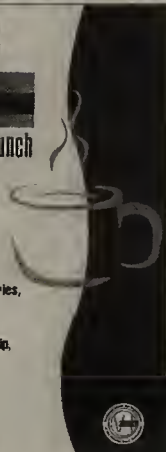
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Israella Singers celebrate 25 years of presenting Jewish folk music

Anniversary concert Sunday, March 17

By Estelle Metzger

The Israella Singers celebrate their 25th anniversary of bringing Israeli and Jewish music to Ottawa and its neighbouring communities on Sunday, March 17. They will present "a joyous celebration of music and song" entitled, appropriately, *The Melody Lingers On*. The program takes place at 7:30 pm at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, and is under the auspices of the Adult Education Committee of Agudath Israel Congregation.

Tickets are \$8 and all proceeds will go to the Magen David Adom.

In 1977, six women ranging in age from 28 to 60 got together to form the Israella Singers. Over the years, they were joined by other women who had in common a love of singing and Jewish songs, until their membership increased to 16.

The Israella Singers are a non-profit volunteer vocal ensemble dedicated to preserving and presenting Jewish folk music in its many and varied forms. Their repertoire includes Yiddish music of the Eastern European communities; the music

of modern Israel; Ladino and Sephardic music from Spain, Morocco, Greece, Turkey and India; synagogue music; and Chassidic music.

"We wanted to explore and celebrate the total musical expression of our people from the many countries of their dispersion over the centuries to their ongoing creation of music in Israel and elsewhere," explained musical director Shirley Steinberg.

Steinberg, who took over as director of the group in 1980, has been involved in creating and teaching Jewish music throughout her life. Born in New York City, she studied voice for over 15 years and performed at many New York venues. She sang in a modern opera group in Greenwich Village, had a weekly radio program called *Shiray Moledet*, Songs of Israel, and broadcast to Israel on Voice of America. An early education teacher, she also produced and performed on three Jewish holiday records for children.

In Ottawa, she formed the Aviva Duo with the late Merida Sachs and recorded an album of Yiddish and Israeli songs entitled, *From*



The Israella Singers celebrate their 25th anniversary in concert Sunday, March 17, 2002. All proceeds go to Magen David Adom.

Generation to Generation, which was released in 1988.

All the members of the Israella Singers share their director's passion for Jewish songs and have joyfully conveyed that passion to audiences throughout the Ottawa Valley area. They are often introduced as "the musical ambassadors of the Ottawa Jewish community."

Over the years, they performed on the Heart Institute Telethon and participated in many multi-cultural festivals

throughout the region.

In 1986, the municipality of Ottawa-Carleton presented the Israella Singers with an arts grant for the purpose of bringing Jewish music and culture to the general community and public school system. Their educational programs utilized songs, story and even dance

(Photo: Jonah A. Libman, 1988)

to convey Jewish history and traditions.

For the last six years, the Israella Singers have presented a gala showcase of Israeli music in a café setting called Café Sabra.

This year's anniversary showcase will include highlights of the group's 25 years of Jewish and Israeli songs. The current members of the group include: Shelley Engel, Dora Goldman, Ricki Grebler, Rita Hornstein, Kareen Jackson, Alison James, Andrey Kreisman, Edie Landau, Dahlia Lichtenstein, Ethel Malek, Pam Maser, Rachel Paley, Shirley Schildkraut, Anne Steinberg, Devora Stocker, Minda Wershof and Roz Wollock. They will be accompanied by Sol Gunner on bass and violin, Alison James on keyboard, Barbara Havorot on oboe, Golda Feig-Steinman on flute and, as always, Shirley Schildkraut on guitar.

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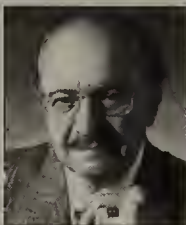
Hy Bloom's 'sound journey back in time' worth a listen

By Dawn Logan, Archivist,
Ottawa Jewish Archives.

For nearly 20 years Hy Bloom has been giving the community a 'sound journey back in time' by sending tapes and cassettes of various Jewish activities to the Ottawa Jewish Archives.

While he was still working out of his parents' home at 256 Kent Street under the name Bloom Enterprises, he managed to record from the radio a program featuring Rabbi Oscar Fasman supported by Cantor Joseph Rabin's choir. That choir included the voices of Max Lieff, Joseph Lieff and Laz Mirsky. This recording is one of Hy's prizes. When he sent it to the archives, he said, "please note that I have had many requests for tapes on Cantor Rabin's choir. I'm sure that it is the only recording ever made according to Esther Bilsky. Esther and Joe Lieff spent many months researching who was in the choir, and the information is with the cassette."

The voices include First Tenors: Laz Mirsky and Jack



Hy Bloom

(Courtesy Ottawa Jewish Archives)

Sherman; Second Tenors: Gilbert Shore and Harry Goldman; Baritone and altos: Sholom Pearlman, Joe Lieff, Issie Greenberg; Bass: Max Lieff and Ed Sadinsky. This recording was indeed special because it was "cut on a disc because records is all we had." This assembly of voices can now be heard on a carefully preserved tape of Hy Blooms.

It is his interest in recording sound that has produced one of the most unique collections in the Ottawa Jewish Archives. While Hy Bloom paid special attention to Yom HaShoah observances each year and Jewish

Community Cemetery of Ottawa Annual Memorial Services, there are also many recordings of special ceremonies and celebrations.

One of Hy Bloom's earliest recordings with a tape recorder was at his synagogue, B'nai Jacob. He had not been in business long when he recorded a tribute to Sam Ellis. Not only was Sam Ellis a popular guy who operated Lumo Electric but it was also one of the first occasions when Hy Bloom employed a tape recorder. Tape recorders had been developed by the Germans, perfected by the Americans after the Second World War, and Bloom's Wilcox-Gay model was his first recording machine.

The archives can take you back to the 1966 Service of Dedication for Agudath Israel Congregation and Honourable Mr. Abraham Lieff's dedication address. Or the 1974 service of dedication for Machzikei Hadas Congregation.

You can attend Hadas-

sah's Carnival party when 2000 guests were entertained by "Deep South" entertainment on one of the coldest nights of the winter in 1951. Minstrels Max Lieff, Jack Snow, Red Lieff and Mac Abrams and their partners Penny Rubin, Simone Bright, Edyee Held and Joan Caplan were among the highlights of the floor show.

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You can also sit in on the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation luncheon in the National Arts Centre back in January, 1978. According to Bloom, "the big surprise was Maureen Forester's rendition of Happy Birthday to Audrey Freiman. Lawrence Freiman's health did not permit him to attend, so he was heard by telephone pickup from his home in Florida. It

was a very impressive event. I have attached an original program, and a clipping from the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin." Hy Bloom was always as careful with his documentation of the event as with his recordings.

The tape of the celebrity roast for Mayor Lorry Greenberg at the Skyline Hotel, September, 1976 with Sam Koffman, Gillie Greenberg and many more carries

one of Hy Bloom's special footnotes which in this case reads, "language may be offensive to some!"

The Hy Bloom collections of tapes and sound recordings is a tour de force from a man who exercises his craft with care and devotion to the Ottawa Jewish community. Come by and listen. Hy Bloom promises to make copies for any of his archival tapes.



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Saul Silverman

If comedy is the product of an offbeat way of looking at, and dealing with, tragedy, then the relation between Jewish experience and the great comedians of this century is obvious.

In this column, I'll deal with four of the many Jewish-American comedians: the Marx Brothers, Jack Benny, George Burns, and Mel Brooks.

My criterion is simple favouritism: I've chosen a few of the people who've made me laugh.

Marxists

I'm an unreconstructed Marxist, when it comes to comedy. The most highly rated website on the Marx Brothers' comic style is "Why a Duck?" (<http://www.whyyaduck.com/index.htm> - click on the picture to go to the content links). This site has a section of sound clips and video material.

For one of the best Marx Brothers' movies, go to the Night of the Opera Treasury

(<http://www.oxford.net/~gmarx>). This media-rich site includes numerous audio and film clips (too short), e.g. Chico's Italian flyer impersonation and Harpo's trombone gig in the orchestra pit of Il Trovatore, which segues into "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (with Chico selling peanuts, as if the opera house were a baseball stadium).

Out stereotyping the stereotypes: Jack Benny

Jack Benny was the most "American" of comedians. Yet his comic persona resonated with a very Jewish set of characteristics (real and perceived).

Benny genially mocked perceptions of Jews that were prevalent in the 1930s and 1940s - the era of restrictive covenants and blatant social exclusion. His act was built on exaggerating the stereotypes of Jews (the sensitive violin playing skiffling, a skin-

flint with a treasure vault in his basement).

But he never identified these stereotypes as being distinctly Jewish. Instead, the stereotypes were associated with the eccentricities of an American character that projected a genial, avuncular persona (for example, his solicitude for his young protégé, the tenor, Dennis Day). He pulled off this technique again, by mocking the Uncle Tom image of black behaviour via his sidekick, Rochester.

For a Jack Benny site, take a look at The Jack Benny Program, a site dedicated to the TV comedy, but with links to much more Jack Benny material at the bottom of the home page (<http://www.timvp.com/jackbeny.html>).

The Wit of George Burns

Vaudeville had a wide range of comic styles and many of these are still seen in the comedy we listen to and watch today. One approach was the duo of comic and straight man. The straight man (or woman) fed the lines and maintained the continu-

ity, and after the comic delivered the punch line, the straight man reacted (in effect, guiding the audience and milking more laughs from the single joke or situation).

One of the best honed of these comic duos, which were the forerunner of today's stand-up comedy, was the husband and wife team of George Burns (Bernstein) and Gracie Allen.

Originally, Burns was the comic and Allen was the straight person. But they reversed the act when audience reaction convinced them that they were funnier with Gracie impersonating a dummy, somehow twisting logic to present illogical logicalities (possibly a form of Chelm humour). The act successfully migrated to radio and then to television, where it remained at the head of the pack.

After Gracie died, George Burns reinvented himself as a stand-up comic. He was the master of the razor-sharp

quip, for example his old age comment: "Am I happy to be here? (Pause) "At my age, I'm happy to be anywhere." Visit PBS's segment for George's 100th birthday (<http://www.pbs.org/news/hour/bb/entertainment/burns.html>). For George and Gracie: (<http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Hills/1836/main.html>).

Mel Brooks -

The Comedy of Outrage

Mel Brooks is a large, economy size version of "in your face" humour. Comedians like Don Rickles insult individuals; Brooks insults whole societies. Sometimes he takes on a couple of societies at a time.

In *The Producers*, a comic movie ahead of its time, and now a successful Broadway show, he mounts a no-holds-barred satire on both the idea that Germany could celebrate its "springtime" under Hitler while simultaneously destroying the world and also that in America, this could be turned into pop culture - by

the scam producers of the show, and also by Brooks himself in real life.

Brooks' off-the-wall approach to comedy as social satire is not to everyone's taste. I very much enjoyed his mock western *Blazing Saddles*, with its sustained attack on racism, however many people think it is one of the crudest excuses for humour to have stunk up the screen (literally) for many decades. You can judge for yourself by going to one of the Mel Brooks websites (for example, <http://www.tmbhs.com/tmbhs/>).

There are many comedians I can discuss in future columns. In the meantime, keep on laughing - in Judaism, enjoying life is a mitzvah!

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Art Works / Rose Ann Hoffenberg

Ghitta Caiserman-Roth STUDIO STILL-LIFE, 1999.

*Dedicated to the residents of Hillel Lodge
by Rose and Charles Taylor and Family, on May 20, 2001.*

Teaching, an important part of Ghitta Caiserman-Roth's art process, reveals guidelines to her own art. She described to me a typical class at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal, where she asks her students to think about three concepts all at once, when drawing:

1) The perceptual – include what you see before you.

Studio Still-life (see photograph), a close-up, intimate view of a window in the artist's studio, depicts a cold winter landscape of trees with bare branches, and a pile of snow by the grey fence that defines her property. The oxalis plant inside her studio, with its satiny white flowers among the green clover like leaves, sits in a terra-cotta pot that rests in

another dish, and has a monumental presence in the centre of this composition. The artist's brushes, paints and other supplies lie on the table and in the open drawer to the right of the plant.

2) The conceptual – think about what to include, what to leave out and how to interpret what appears before you.

In this same work, the boldly coloured, solitary, oxalis plant denies its actual diminutive size of 46 inches. The rest of the painting is monochromatic, a sharp contrast to the prominent plant, and yet muted colours of the central subject are subtly repeated everywhere on the canvas. Some of the space is difficult to define – the frame within a frame of the window on the left, the shelf holding pots on the

right, and the space under the well-defined shadow of the plant – all remain elusive. Is that vertical space to the left of the plant a painting or part of the outside landscape beyond the window? If it is the latter, only through the artist's imagination could the grass be green in a Montreal winter. The ambiguous nature of her composition adds mystery, intrigue and a reason to have a second look.

3) The personal – in order for the subject matter to be convincing, it must impart some of the artist's passion, soul or emotional makeup.

The viewer senses Caiserman-Roth's presence with the open tube of paint on the table, the well-cared-for plant and the open drawer. She invites us into her pri-



Ghitta Caiserman-Roth, *Studio Still-Life*, 1999.

vate space as she sees it.

Studio Still-life is well placed in its new home. The subject matter echoes the

windows on the opposite wall of the cafe on the ground floor of Hillel Lodge, it continues the window motif of the Auxiliary Gift Shop, and reinforces the warm environment of this remarkable institution.

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During the past few years, especially in North American schools, a major effort has been under way to encourage children to avoid conflict by finding positive ways of dealing with feelings of anger, jealousy and frustration.

The following two picture storybooks support that goal while respecting their readers' desire for an imaginative tale.

Cain & Abel, Finding the Fruits of Peace

By Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
Illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg
Jewish Lights Publishing
2001
32 pps. Ages 5 - 10

As you know, the biblical story of Cain and Abel is a fairly straight-forward account of brotherly jealousy and anger leading to murder. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain demands of God. The answer, derived from Cain's punishment, is a resounding "yes."

In *Cain & Abel, Finding*

the Fruits of Peace, Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso recasts that ancient story, putting it simultaneously in both "a very long time ago when the world was new" and a modern setting. In effect she is encouraging us to help our children envision positive ways and benefits of avoiding violence.

Taking as her starting point a scenario from *Midrash Tanhuma*, Sasso, aided by Joani Keller Rothenberg's brilliant full colour illustrations, offers a glorious vision of peace before farmer Cain became jealous of his brother, shepherd Abel, and ultimately killed him.

Nature's opulence in the pre-murder period is emphasized. 'Orapples,' 'plumelons,' 'banangerines,' 'pinango,' 'limeberry' and 'waterloupe' all grew on every fruit tree. Abel ate Cain's vegetable stew. Cain wrapped himself in Abel's wool to ward off the evening chill. Together the

Seeking positive solutions

brothers marvelled "at the birth of lambs and the ripening of wheat."

Then the brothers began to argue. Did God prefer a farmer or a shepherd? Who worked harder? Cain began to feel jealous and angry. One day Cain picked up a stone, threw it at Abel and killed him. "It was as if Cain had destroyed an entire world."

Cain became a marked man, destined to a homeless existence. Thorns and thistles replaced flowers. Only one kind of fruit grew on each tree.

Century after century, anger overwhelmed humanity. "Entire worlds were destroyed."

But there is hope. "Perhaps one day, when each person learns to reach out an open hand without the rock, without the sword, without the gun, the entire world can be saved." Amen!

Yasher koach to Sasso and Rothenberg for a lyrical, inspiring book that encourages children of all races and religions to imagine peace as starting with them. If each child and adult accepts that responsibility, anything is possible, even a more peaceful future.

Snow in Jerusalem

By Deborah da Costa
Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright & Ying-Hwa Hu
Albert Whitman & Company 2001
Unpaged Ages 6 - 10

The theme of *Snow in Jerusalem*, while not nearly as old as the Cain and Abel theme, has appeared again and again in children's books. Two very different people – old and young, black and white, Jew and other – are brought together by a unifying interest and become friends.

This retelling of that story line has the freshness and vibrancy of its title, *Snow in Jerusalem*. Avi and Hamudi live in different sections of Jerusalem's famed Old City. Avi in the Jewish Quarter and Hamudi in the Muslim Quarter.

Each boy befriends the same stray cat, "a small plump cat with long white fur." Suddenly the cat disappears. Weeks go by before it reappears at Avi's house, looking skinny and dirty. A worried Avi follows the cat. When he sees it with Hamudi, jealousy and anger rage.

As the boys shout at each

Snow in Jerusalem

Deborah da Costa

Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright & Ying-Hwa Hu



From *Snow in Jerusalem*

other, the cat takes off. Snow begins to fall. The boys agree they'd better find the cat before she freezes to death. When they do find her, they find more than they bargained for. Again they quarrel.

With the help of the cat, however, they resolve their differences and agree on a name for her, a name as rare

in that part of the world as both peace and 'Snow in Jerusalem.'

As they portray the cat's wanderings, Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu's striking full colour illustrations take readers on a tour of the Old City and underscore the emotional tones of this delicately balanced story. A good job all around!

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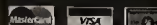


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Here are a few wonderful recipes for Sunday breakfast. The french toast is prepared the night before and chilled until ready for baking. The cheese squares melt in your mouth. Serve them with flavoured yogurt for a change of pace. The fruit salad is incredible refreshing and vivid in colour.

Any of these dishes will turn a weekend breakfast into a special event!

Blueberry French Toast

Butter for greasing baking dish
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
12 slices white bread, divided
1 1/2 cups frozen blueberries
12 large eggs
2 cups milk
1/3 cup maple syrup

Blueberry Syrup:

3/4 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup maple syrup
1/4 cup corn syrup
6 ounces frozen blueberries
1/4 cup toasted pecans
1 tsp grated lemon zest

Butter a 9x13" baking dish. Set aside. Thickly spread the cream cheese on 6 slices of the bread. Place the bread slices on the bottom of the prepared pan, cream cheese side up. Evenly distribute blueberries on top of the cream cheese. Cube up the remaining 6 slices of bread. Sprinkle evenly over the blueberries. In large bowl, combine the eggs, milk and syrup and blend well. Pour over the bread cubes. Cover and chill overnight. At baking time, preheat the oven to 350°. Remove the dish from the refrigerator. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the cover and bake 30 minutes more.

To prepare the syrup: In a 2 quart non-aluminum saucepan, combine the water, sugar, corn syrup and maple syrup. Cook until the sugar dissolves. Stir in the blueberries, pecans and lemon rind. Simmer for 5 minutes or until the berries begin to pop. Keep the syrup warm.

When the French toast is done, remove from the oven and cut it into squares. Serve with the warm syrup. Serves 12.

Lemon Cheese Bars

Crust:

Nonstick cooking spray
1/3 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground mace or nutmeg
1 cup flour

Filling:

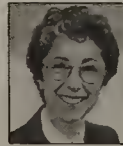
1 cup low fat cottage cheese
1 cup sugar
2 tbsp flour
1 tbsp grated lemon zest
3 1/2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1/4 tsp baking powder
1 large egg
1 large egg white

Preheat the oven to 350°. Spray an 8-by-8-inch square baking dish with nonstick spray. To prepare the crust, in a mixing bowl beat together on medium speed the butter, dark brown sugar, salt and mace until smooth. Spoon 1 cup flour lightly into a dry measuring cup and level with a knife. Add the flour to the butter mixture and beat at low speed until well blended. Press the crust into the prepared baking dish and bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the filling. In a food processor fitted with the metal blade, process the cottage cheese for 2 minutes or until smooth, scraping sides of the bowl once. Add the sugar, flour, lemon zest, lemon juice, baking powder, egg and egg white. Process until well blended. Pour the filling over the baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until set (the edges will get lightly browned). Remove from the oven and cool. When cool, cover and chill for 8 hours. To serve, cut into bars. Makes 8 one-bar servings.

Strawberry and Banana Fruit Salad

2 pints strawberries, washed, hulled and halved if large
1 pint strawberries, washed, hulled and puréed
1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
2 tbsp orange liqueur
6 ripe bananas, sliced
Sugar to taste
Fresh mint for garnish

Prepare fruit. As you slice them, toss bananas with orange juice to stop discoloration. Toss with remaining ingredients. Add sugar to taste. Spoon into a glass bowl. Garnish with fresh mint. Serves 8 to 10.



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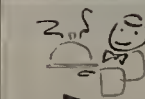
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Jewish Humour: What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews By Rabbi Joseph Telushkin William Morrow & Company Inc. Non-fiction. 237 pages

This book isn't exactly funny. Oh, there are funny bits in it and some good jokes but it's really more of a scholarly treatise on what constitutes Jewish humour. According to Rabbi Joseph

Telushkin, there's no one defining truth that can sum it all up. And that's because Jewish jokes cover a lot of territory: anti-Semitism, financial status, Jewish smarts and love of debate, Jewish angst and anxiety, and materialism. Oh, and let's not forget Jewish guilt, mothers and in-laws, assimilation, inter-marriage, Jewish ethics, religiosity, sex, and misfortune.

The whole gamut of 'the Jewish experience' is mined in this informative book. Rabbi Telushkin's dissection of Jewish humour, his investigation of its social and historical roots and context, is illuminating. His wide-ranging exploration of what makes Jewish humour Jewish is as educational as it is comical. Yet although he provides many examples of why Jewish humour is unique, the Rabbi never quite gives us a definitive answer. He does say what it's not: it's not JAP (Jewish American Princess) jokes or those that ascribe

Humour for the Jewish funny bone

negative stereotypes with stigmatizing ethnic characteristics. And it's not offensive. The Rabbi points out that although there is a long tradition of Jewish self-deprecating humour, it's quite different from hostile, post-Holocaust and anti-Semitic jokes.)

Jewish Humour, like the Rabbi's other books (*Jewish Literacy*, *Biblical Literacy*, etc.), demonstrates Telushkin's breadth of knowledge and his ability to transform that knowledge into an easy read for a lay audience. Lucky for us the ordained Rabbi from Yeshiva University turned to book writing for the masses. He has become an influential author of our time whose texts are valued additions to any reference shelf.

God's Ear: A Novel By Rhoda Lerman Syracuse University Press Fiction. 309 pages

Yussel Feiner had a Mercedes, a beach-house, a wife who looked like Patty Duke, and five kids. Although he came from a long line of religious men devoted to *Hashem*, and although he had been ordained like his father

before him, the Rabbi's only son "sold insurance, mostly life." And he was perfectly content to do so. After all, he made good money at it, lots of it. In his own mind, he was a success.

But to his father, Yussel had an uncircumcised heart. He was not attached to God, and therein lay the problem. The Rabbi himself was a man who embraced life to the fullest and whose boundless compassion accepted all creatures as God's, even the strays, like the "mishugas and mishagoyim," the flower child and new-age Natalie, "all the drifters, loners, losers, shnorers, God knows who else," who made

up his unorthodox "congregation."

But the Rabbi's son, Yussel, wasn't eager to give up his wealth and creature comforts to take up his father's calling and lead a motley group of *shlemiels* and *schmendricks* to spiritual salvation; at least, not without a struggle. This delightful odd story follows Yussel as he forsakes everything he owns to unwillingly follow in his father's footsteps.

If you're going to read this book and enjoy it, you will have to maintain a certain suspension of disbelief. This book is, after all, an example of "magic realism"

– it combines naturalistic detail with dream and fantasy. Things happen. Strange things. Yussel's father keeps appearing to him, first in dreams, then in ghostly apparitions, to urge his son on, each time gussied up in different silk pajamas, each time somehow fettered to doors. (Don't ask.) Those descriptions are absurd, to say the least. But get past that and you might enjoy the novel. It's funny and tragic; it is Jewish angst at its best. Lerman has captured the essence of Jewish guilt and her use of Yiddish is downright delicious. Rabbi Telushkin would probably approve.

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The Sam and Celia Shachter Endowment Fund was established by their son-in-law and daughter, Ian and Estelle Melzer.

B'nai Mitzvah Club

The OJCF is pleased to welcome the following new Mitzvah funds established by youth in honour of their bar/bar mitzvah:

The Carolyn Cherney Mitzvah Fund. Carolyn is the daughter of Ellen and Ron Cherney.

The Erica Weinstein Mitzvah Fund. Erica is the daughter of Sharon and Lawrence Weinstein.

The Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund

The following couples have created a future gift of \$100,000 to support Jewish education in Ottawa through the purchase and gift of a life insurance policy:

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Mazal Tov to Jill Stern on the engagement of her son Jeremy by Fred and Lisa Cogan and the guys.

NATHAN AND REBA DIENER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Fred Brauer on his special birthday by Reba Diener and family

CYNTHIA AND ABE ENGEL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Rabbi Marvin Pritzker by Leah and Bob Gencher and family

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In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Carol and Phyllis Goldstein.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear mother and grandmother Lillian (Hitzig) Fein by Barbara and Gerry Thaw and family.

In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Erwyn and Pearl Thaw

SOL AND BERTHA FELLER FAMILY FUND

In memory of Rose Roodman by Diana Feller.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of my grandmother Lena Florence by A.L., Ann and Leanne Smith

In observance of the Yahrzeit of my uncle Frank Florence by A.L., Ann and Leanne Smith.

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Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Marge, Gordon, Susan, Adam and Laura Roston

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In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Dee and Yale Gaffen

In memory of Rose Roodman by Dee and Yale Gaffen

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Mazal Tov to Bert and Abe Klugsberg on their special wedding anniversary by Ariene and Norman Glube.

In memory of Sam Lax by Libby Glube

GERDGE AND MARY GOLDBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear mother and grandmother Ellet Eskin Goodfield by Mary Goldberg and family

HOWARD HERTZ GOLDBERG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mazal Tov to my grandson Shawn Goldberg on his birthday by Bubbie Eileen Goldberg.

JEFFREY AND ENID GOULD FAMILY FUND

Mazal Tov to Anna and Ronny Cantor on the birth of their granddaughter Miriam Hildee by Enid and Jeff Gould and family

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Mazal Tov to Ruth Levitan on being the recipient of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre Ben Karp Volunteer Service Award by Estelle and Sol Gunner

With appreciation to Miriam Bloom Rabinovitch by the Staff of the Greenberg Families Library

GREENBERG, HUTT, KONICK ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Mome Konick on his special birthday by Libby and Stan Katz.

Wishing Mex Lobel good health by Mome and Rose Konick

Belated best wishes to Gdalyah and Florence Rosenfeld on their wedding anniversary by Mome and Rose Konick.

Wishing Cantor Chevit a ruah sh'leimah by Mome and Rose Konick

Mazal Tov to Laura and Gordon Spergel on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter by Mome and Rose Konick

In memory of Dorothy Ritter by Mome and Rose Konick

BARBARA AND SYDNEY GREENBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Barbie Greenberg on her birthday by Rosalie and Issie Rose.

HANSEN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear uncle Jack Hansen by Isabel and Norman Lesh and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved Bubble Tillie Hansen by Isabel and Norman Lesh and family.

LARRY AND SHEILA HARTMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sam Bergman by Sheila and Larry Hartman

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Mazal Tov to Evelyn Rivers on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Noah by Kayla and Alvin Mallay.

In memory of Galy Shapiro's grandmother by Sheryl, Bryan, Shaun and David Altshuler.

In memory of Malki Asher's mother by Sheryl, Bryan, Shaun and David Altshuler.

In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Kayla and Alvin Mallay.

HY AND PAULINE HOCHBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

Yasher Koach to Bert Loeb on his wonderful gift to the Organ Tissue Donation Institute by Pauline Hochberg.

In memory of Isobel Firestone by Pauline Hochberg.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Pauline Hochberg.

AVRAHAM AND ELISSA INY FAMILY FUND

Wishing Abraham Iny a ruah sh'lemah by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

JEWISH YOUTH LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

With appreciation to Laurie Gordon by Denise Tan and Deborah Caylak.

Mazal Tov to Jason and Brenda Levine on the birth of their son Jacob Solomon by their friends at Friday Morning Shabbat for Tots at the Jewish Youth Library.

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Amie and Sarah Swedler.

ROSE AND MAXWELL KALMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Freda and Toby Appel on their 25th wedding anniversary by Rose and Max Kalman.

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In memory of Rose Roodman by Anita and Mike Roodman and family.

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In memory of Mary Beloff by Mrs. Harry (Sylvia) Kershman end family.

Wishing Barbara Farber continued good health by Mrs. Harry (Sylvia) Kershman and family.

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In memory of Henry Cooper by Erwin and Edie Koranyi.

Mazal Tov to Eyal and Ewa Bar-Eli on the birth of their son Eylan by Erwin and Edie Koranyi.

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Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, by United Jewish Appeal; and by the Ottawa Jewish Community Council/Vaad HaRai.

DAHILA KUWAYTI MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Fred and Lisa Cogan.

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Labovitch by the Labovitch family.

In memory of Fay Smith by the Labovitch family.

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In memory of Rose Roodman by Edie Landau.

In memory of Dena Aronoff's father by Edie Landau.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved mother and grandmother Bessie Bayla Lang, Adar 1, by Morris and Lil Lang and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved brother Hy Bessin, Adar 20th, by Lil and Morris Lang and family.

HARRY LEIKIN MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Zev Kesler on his 22nd birthday by aunt Libby and uncle Stan Katz.

Best wishes to Maya Kesler on her 19th birthday by aunt Libby and uncle Stan Katz.

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Mazal Tov to Jack and Linda Smith on the birth of their granddaughter Sabrina Inez by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

SAMUEL AND MARY LESH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rose Roodman by George Lesh.

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Mazal Tov to Adam and Heidi Minsky on the birth of their son by Ingrid, Gerry, Stephanie and Naomi Levitz.

Wishing Abraham Iny continued good health by the Levitz family.

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In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.

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Wishing Abraham Iny continued good health by Roslyn and Amie Kimmel and family.

JACOB MALDMET MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Max Teitelbaum a speedy recovery by Diana and Alvin Malomet.

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Wishing Barbara Farber continued good health by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

Congratulations to the Honourable John Manley on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada by Marion Mayman.

Mazal Tov to Aviva Ben-Choren and Jonathan Freedman on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter Tal-Or by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

Mazal Tov to Riva and David Rubenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their granddaughter Tal-Or by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

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In memory of Willie Berger by Sally Teller.

In memory of Frida Gould by Sally Teller.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Joy and David Kardish; and by Ann and David Schlesinger.

In memory of Shlomo Amor by Joy and David Kardish; and by Ann and David Schlesinger.

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In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Pearl and David Moskovic.

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Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their upcoming marriage by Adele and Jeff Sidney; and by Elaine and Marten Brodsky and family.

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In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Nancy Pleet and family.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Nancy Pleet and family.

BETTY AND DAVE POLDWIN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Ruth Cass by Steve Polowin.

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Best wishes to Ruth Levitt on her special birthday by Evelyn and Norman Plotchin.

In memory of Rose Roodman by Evelyn and Norman Plotchin.

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With appreciation to Dr. Harry and Roseanne Pizanti by Vardana Kaiman.

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Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Berger on the birth of their twin granddaughters Chana Eka and Shoshana Razel by Alti and Berel Rodal.

Mazal Tov to Dr. Paul and Jennie Claman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zully by Alti and Berel Rodal.

In memory of Moshe Kipnis by Alti and Berel Rodal.

FLDRENCE AND GDALYAH ROSENFIELD ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld on their wedding anniversary by Libby and Stan Katz.

RUTH SADAVA MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ethel Wallace by William Bloom.

BEN-AMI AND ROSLYN SANDERS MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Gregory and Tani Sanders and family.

Wishing Abraham Iny continued good health by Gregory and Tani Sanders and family.

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Gregory and Tani Sanders and family.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear mother Mindel Schechter by Syd Schechter; and by Ann Schechter.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother Jack Schechter by Syd Schechter; and by Ann Schechter.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister-in-law Shirley Schechter by Ann Schechter.

SAMUEL AND LEA SCHREIBER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Faigie Shmelzer by David and Riva Rotenberg.

MAURICE AND GOLDIE SHABINSKY MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Gloria and Barry Trainoff on the engagement of their daughter Karen Nussbaum to David by Kayla and Alvin Mallay; and by Sol and Zelaine Shinder.

In appreciation to Sol and Laya Shabinsky by Elie and David Malek; and by Bea and Murray Garceau.

SYLVIA AND HARRY SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Nachum and Sorel Eizikovics and family on the engagement of Shuly to Soochie Duchman by Lori, Peter, Brianna and Amy Greenberg.

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Best wishes to Bernie Shinder on his birthday by Jackie and Sandra Levinson; and by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

In appreciation to Adele and Bernie Shinder by Bea and Murray Garceau; and by David and Ethel Malek.

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Mazal Tov to Drs. Roslyn and Stan Labow on the birth of their granddaughter Phoebe Berdorf by Michael, and Andrea Malek and family.

SDL AND ZELAIN SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

Wishing Abraham Iny continued good health by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

In appreciation to Sol and Zelaine Shinder by Bea and Murray Garceau; and by David and Ethel Malek.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of Raiza Jacob by David Shohet.

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Wishing Abraham Iny a ruah sh'lemah by Myre and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Alan Goldrosen on the engagement of their son Jason to Pam by Bonnie, Stacie, Adam and Noah Carroll.

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Wishing Abraham Iny a ruah sh'lemah by Myre and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Alan Goldrosen on the engagement of their son Jason to Pam by Bonnie, Stacie, Adam and Noah Carroll.

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Mazal Tov to Alexandra Vered on her Bat Mitzvah by Henry and Joan Bloom.

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Mazal Tov to Morrie Konik on his special birthday by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

In memory of Dorothy Riter by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

Wishing Piney Pollock a speedy recovery by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

Wishing Eva Pascoe a speedy recovery by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

WILLIAM 'BILL' STERNBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rosa Roodman by Laya and Ted Jacobson.

HYMAN AND MOLLY STEINMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister Minnie Steinman, 29 Adar, by Leah and Freda Steinman.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother Moshe Steinman, 18 Adar, by Leah and Freda Steinman.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear mother Mollie Steinman, 12 Adar, by Leah and Freda Steinman.

LEAH, FREDa AND HENRY STEINMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Ruth and Irving Aaron on the birth of their granddaughter by Leah and Freda Steinman.

Mazal Tov to Orly and Stan Aaron on the birth of their daughter by Leah and Freda Steinman.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother Ben Steinman, Feb 28th by Leah and Freda Steinman.

In memory of a dear sister-in-law Adele Steinman by Leah and Freda Steinman.

RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Fay Smith by Linda and Steven Kerzner and family.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Linda and Steven Kerzner and family.

CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Polly Cohen on the birth of her great-granddaughter Miriam Hildee by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

Mazal Tov to Anna and Ronny Cantor on the birth of their granddaughter Miriam Hildee by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

THE TARANTOURT FAMILY FUND

In memory of Rosa Roodman by Ann Lazear.

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In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Sunny and John Tavel.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Sunny and John Tavel.

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Wishing Abraham Ivy continued good health by the Vered family.

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In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Gail and Stephen Victor, Andrea, Jodie and Jordana.

Wishing Abraham Ivy continued good health by Gail and Stephen Victor, Andrea, Jodie and Jordana.

SONIA AND ARTHUR VINER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to aunt Betty and uncle Joe Feller on the birth of their great-granddaughter Maya Jordan Trellet and all our very best wishes to you both for a happy wedding anniversary by Gladys and John Greenberg and sister Sonia Viner.

Wishing Noga Reiss a r'huah sh'lemah by Marshall Rothman.

NAZE WAINBERG FAMILY FUND

Wishing Benita Langdon a speedy recovery by Haze Wainberg.

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With sincere appreciation to Neil Zaret by Phil Rimer.

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JAMIE BEREZIN MITZVAH FUND

Wishing Piney Pollock a speedy recovery by aunt Eva Gertler, and by Tami and Robert Berezin.

In memory of Rosa Roodman by Susan and Frank Dankoff.

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Mazal Tov to Jordan Finn on his 15th birthday by your brother Joshua, by your sister Davina, and by Bubble Isabel and Zaydie

Norman Lesh.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Alan Goldrosen on the engagement of their son Jason to Pam by Sharon and Paul Finn and family.

Mazal Tov to Joshua Finn on his 17th birthday by Bubble Isabel and Zaydie Norman Lesh.

MARSHALL ROTHMAN MITZVAH FUND

Mazal Tov to Jordan Shevell on his Bar Mitzvah by Marshall Rothman.

Wishing Noga Reiss a r'huah sh'lemah by Marshall Rothman.

ALAYNA THAW MITZVAH FUND

Mazal Tov to our granddaughter Alayna Thaw on the opening of her Mitzvah Fund by Bubble Barbara and Zaydie Gerry Thaw.

Wishing Tracey Horlick a r'huah sh'lemah by Mark, Lisa, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Sid Greenberg on the engagement of their son Gary to Barb by Mark, Lisa, Alayna and Bryan Thaw.

In memory of Dr. Morley Goldberg by Mark, Lisa, Alayna and Bryan Thaw; by Barbara and Gerry Thaw; and by Susan and Joel Greenberg.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and Leah Kalish on their forthcoming marriage by Barbara and Gerry Thaw and family.

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<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's March Break Camp, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Level 11, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Mitzvos - Why do we need them? The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 7:45 a.m.</p> <p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's March Break Camp, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>JET, Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harary, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Ethics for Women, with Batia Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>OTC Chabad presents the Genesis Series, a textual study group discussion on the creation of the world, open to men & women, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Around the Jewish Year, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's March Break Camp, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>SJCC Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Choir, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Henry "Hank" Toronlow, 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Niles Academy, 31 Nodolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group, Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's March Break Camp, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>AJA50+, Jews in Music Mahef, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Temple Israel's Prime Time, Topic: Patient's Rights with guest speaker Caroline Bennett, MPP, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, noon.</p> <p>AJA50+ Drop-in Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Parashat Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre's March Break Camp, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>AJA50+ "Sound Advice" Wellness Lecture, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Tamir Foundation Saturday Night Dance, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melave Malka and farbrengen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsal, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Move and Relax Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Sing and Play Along Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>Ottawa Jewish Film Society, The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Fun and Games Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shmuel Kardsah in cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism - Open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Let's Sing the Seder, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>28th Anniversary Gala of the Israeli Singers, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>



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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 4	TUESDAY, MARCH 5	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6	THURSDAY, MARCH 7	FRIDAY, MARCH 8	SATURDAY, MARCH 9	SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 <p><i>The Centre of Your Life</i></p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>AJA50+, Drawing for Pleasure, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Ottawa Region of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science Lecture: The Potential of Stem Cells, guest speaker Dr. Michael Rudnicki, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hillel Academy Gr. 1 Siddur Ceremony, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadelny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Level 11, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre Summer Camps 2002 Information Night, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harary, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Ethics for Women, with Bala Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>OTC Chabad presents the Genesis Series, a textual study group discussion on the creation of the world, open to men & women, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shifra-Puah, "United We Stand, United We Sing", Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Around the Jewish Year, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>AJA 50+, Papier Maché, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>SJCC, Mizvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation Choir, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Canada Israel Committee, 17th Parliamentary Dinner and Policy Conference, Ottawa Congress Centre, Keynote Speaker: Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, Guest of Honour: Moshe Katsav, President of Israel, 8:00 a.m. registration.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Henry "Hank" Toronto 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadelny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>JET, Pirkel Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>AJA50+, Jews in Music Mahler, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>AJA50+, Drop-In Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>AJA50+, Bereshit, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Parashat Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p>  <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:41 PM</p>	<p>Canadian Friends of Haifa University, Square Dance, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melava Malka and farbrengen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>SJCC Jump Start Your Heart Master Aerobics Class Fundraiser for the Ottawa Heart Institute, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Shifra-Puah, Seder Tehillim (Psalms), The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Shmuel Kardash in cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism, open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Let's Sing the Seder, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Kallah with Rabbits Telushkin and Kushner live from New York, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadelny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schaffer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided. You may fax to 798-9839.

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May their memory be a blessing.

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CALLING ALL BIRTHRIGHT ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Let's Go To The Movies!

Pizza & Beverages

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm

Blumenthal Teen Lounge, Joseph & Rose Ages Family Building
21 Nadelny Sachs Private



To RSVP and for info call Rebecca Holzman • 798-4696 ext: 234
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